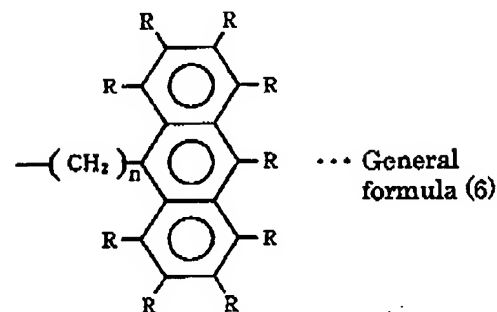
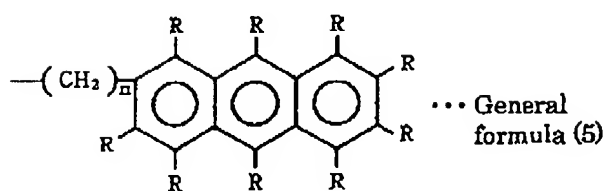
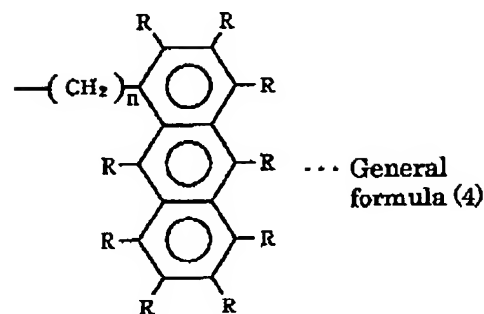
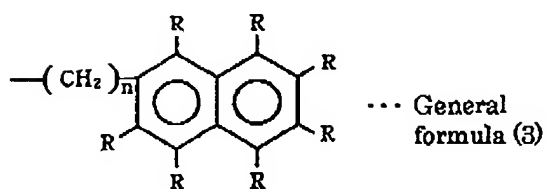
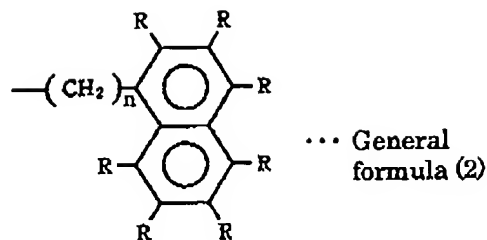
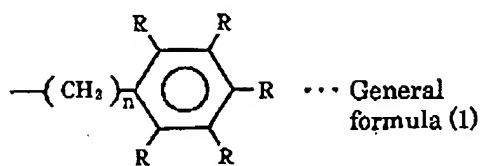


IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) ~~The method of inhibiting allergens according to claim 35,~~ A method of inhibiting acarian allergens which comprises supplying at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an aromatic hydroxy compound, an alkali metal carbonate, alum, lauryl benzene sulfonate, lauryl sulfate, polyoxyethylene lauryl ether sulfate, and a divalent or more sulfate having either or both of a polyoxyethylene chain and a polyethylene chain in the molecule thereof, in an object where the reactivity of the acarian allergens to specific antibodies is to be inhibited by denaturing or adsorbing the acarian allergens

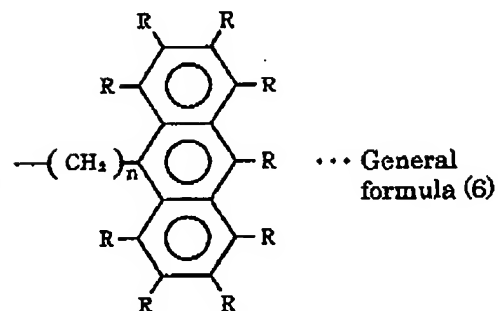
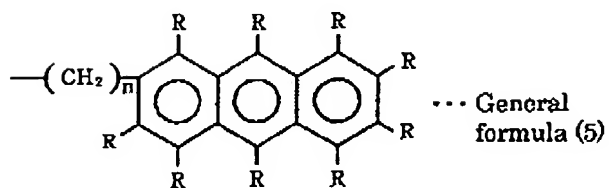
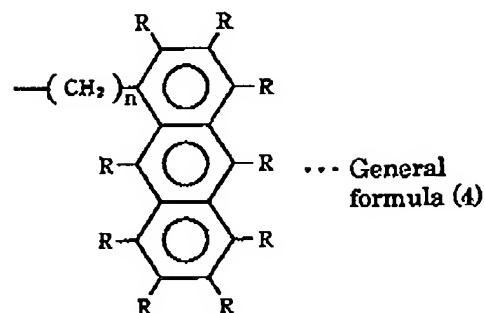
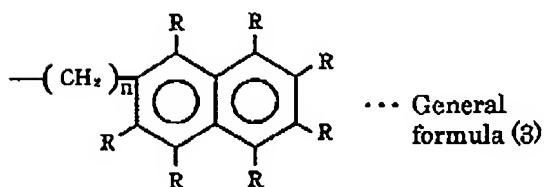
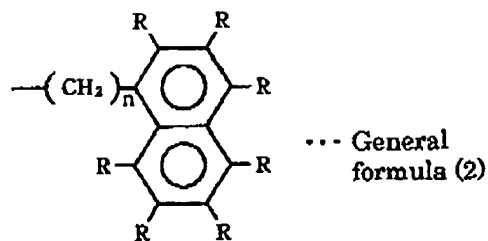
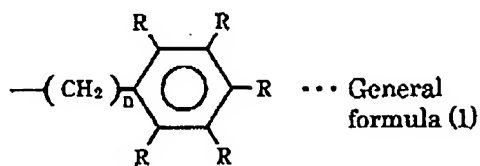
wherein the aromatic hydroxy compound is a compound having, in a linear polymer, at least one of substituent groups represented by the general formulas (1) to (6):



wherein R is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and at least one R is a hydroxyl group, and n is an integer of 0 to 5.

37. (currently amended) ~~The method of inhibiting allergens according to claim 35,~~ A method of inhibiting acarian allergens which comprises supplying at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an aromatic hydroxy compound, an alkali metal carbonate, alum, lauryl benzene sulfonate, lauryl sulfate, polyoxyethylene lauryl ether sulfate, and a divalent or more sulfate having either or both of a polyoxyethylene chain and a polyethylene chain in the molecule thereof, in an object where the reactivity of the acarian allergens to specific antibodies is to be inhibited by denaturing or adsorbing the acarian allergens

wherein the aromatic hydroxy compound is obtained by polymerizing or copolymerizing a monomer having at least one of substituent groups represented by the general formulas (1) to (6):



wherein R is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and at least one R is a hydroxyl group, and n is an integer of 0 to 5.